

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, 11 September 2024 at 3:00pm

Participants: Melanie Thibault, Judy Fritts, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, & John Vanhook. Mr. Gillette and Ms. Garrison were unable to attend.

Observers: none

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM

New Business:

1. Minutes from Canvass 5/24/24: Mr. Dills made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.
2. Updates from Director and Deputy Director:
 - a. Party Chairs Meeting: On 27 August, the Director and Sheriff Holbrooks met with Jimmy Goodman (Macon County GOP Chair) and Gary St. Arnauld (Macon County Democratic Party Chair) to discuss observer procedures, signage theft, and overzealous party activists at polling sites. All participants were cordial and frank. Both Chairs pledged to confront issues as they arise and manage, as necessary.
 - b. Absentee Ballots: The Board will delay mailing absentee ballots per State Board of Elections direction based on an ongoing lawsuit. The staff is working to update the flash drives.
 - c. Voter Support: The staff will register voters, take voter IDs and provide voter information at Highlands Civic Center and Carpenter Center on 17 September 2024.
 - d. "I Voted" sticker Contest: In partnership with *The Franklin Press*, the staff is conducting a contest for kids to create an "I Voted" sticker. The Arts Council is judging the contest.
 - e. County Fair: The staff will staff a booth at the Fair to make voter IDs, register voters and respond to citizen questions.
 - f. Training: The staff will begin poll worker training on 1 October.
 - g. Key Dates: One Stop voting begins on 17 October at the Highlands Civic Center and the Carpenter Center. The hours are 0800-7:30PM Monday through Friday, and 8:00 to 3 PM on Saturdays. The Board